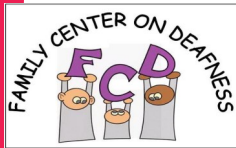


September 2018



# Hand Talk

## MISSION STATEMENT

The **FAMILY CENTER on DEAFNESS** empowers Pinellas County's Deaf Community to meet its full potential by providing opportunities to enhance communication, education and independence.

## FREE AMPLIFIED PHONES



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Check our website for latest news and announcements!

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## Whew, What a Fast and Fun Summer!

Every year, the staff at FCD (as are many parents), are amazed at how fast the summer break goes by. This year was no exception. There were three day camps and two sleep away camps in June and July, as well as some fun one-day activities.

Don't Sweat, Get Wet camp featured fun field trips to Ross Norton Pool, Weeki Wachee, Splash Harbor and Shell Island, as well as a visit from the Book Bus, a mall scavenger hunt and a sign painting class for elementary school students.

Middle school students spent a week producing and starring in a music video (check it out at [https://youtu.be/\\_kJRBtwG\\_FU](https://youtu.be/_kJRBtwG_FU)). They really enjoyed using a professional studio, lighting and props.

High school students donned their

chef's hats for a week long baking class at FCD's Dunedin office where they made cupcakes, cookies and pretzels, then held a bake sale so everyone could enjoy the sweet treats.

High School Students also spent a week in north Georgia, where they enjoyed hiking, tubing, swimming and white water rafting. They also participated in a number of team building and leadership activities.

Elementary and middle school students also enjoyed a week at Florida Elks Camp in Umatilla, where they participated in many activities both indoors and out, including swimming, high ropes, archery and lots more.

Now that "our" students are back in school, look inside for a full schedule of events and activities for the whole family in September.



More photos inside.....

# REACH

Raising Expectations & Achievement of Children with Hearing Loss

Welcome back REACH students and parents!

REACH begins Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> for grades K-2. Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup> for all elementary students, and Thursday, September 12<sup>th</sup> for grades 3-5.

If you wish to have your child attend, you **must** register them with Jennifer Boggess at 727-269-5674 or [jennifer@fcdpinellas.org](mailto:jennifer@fcdpinellas.org). REACH is open to K-5 grade Deaf, hard of hearing, CODA and siblings. There are only a few vacancies, so register today!

There are some exciting changes at REACH this year. For starters, in order to better provide age appropriate activities and keep our groups manageable, field trips will be shifting to Tuesdays and Thursdays. This is the tentative schedule for field trips and parties (which will continue on Wednesday) :

Tuesday, September 24<sup>th</sup>: Kindergarten-2<sup>nd</sup> grade

Wednesday, October 30: Halloween Party (all grades)

Thursday, November 21: 3-5<sup>th</sup> grade

Wednesday, December 11: Winter Holiday Party (all grades)

Tuesday, January 21: K-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

Wednesday, February 12: Valentine's Party (all grades)

Thursday, March 26: 3-5<sup>th</sup> grade

Wednesday, April 8: Spring Party (all grades)

Wednesday, May 13: End of REACH party (all grades)

Please look for the new FCD REACH Facebook Page. This page will be a private group where we can post field trip destinations and other announcements, pictures of activities and events. The page will also be linked to FCD Parent Network group, allowing REACH parents to keep abreast of family events.



## Back-to-School Bash

Join our FCD team on September 20<sup>th</sup> from 5-7 p.m. to learn all about our fall programs, enroll your student or update your participant paperwork.

Learn about how FCD can provide transportation for your child if you cannot, and meet the FCD Staff who will be working with your child. There will also be opportunities to sign up for ASL classes.

The Back to school bash will be held at the FCD main office, 12445 62nd Street North #303. We are asking that each family bring one (or more) snack or drink to be used in our afterschool programs. Pizza will be provided. See you there!





Sept:  
10,11,12,17,18,19,24,  
25,26



Sept: 10,12,17,19,24,  
26



**Battle of the Books**

Sept: 10,12,17,19,24, 26

**Teen Socials:**

Sept. 14, 20, 27



**Volunteers**

Florida Elks Youth Camp

Laura Bellucia  
Laura Crespo  
Lydia Dowe  
Kaitlyn Ecinosa  
Janell Holness  
Jocelyn Lozano  
Emma Sills  
David Philips  
Marquez Robinson  
Zoe Schonmann

Cooking Camp

Jazzy Burkett  
Izzy Olsen  
Sirrena Petty

Teen Leadership

Adventure Camp  
Ben Wallis

ASL Music Camp

Lydia Harris  
Melissa Hebbler  
Sierra Jones  
Izzy Olsen

Don't Sweat Get Wet

Kimberly Albury  
Josh Barber  
Jazzy Burkett  
Debbie Connors  
Laura Crespo  
Sierra Jones  
Izzy Olsen  
Bridget Phelan  
Zoe Schonmann  
Rene Vojnovic  
Ben Wallis  
Sharon Wildenstein

**Summer Donations**

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Casper's Company (McDonalds)  
Cineview Studios (Chis Jackson)  
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Susan Isaacs  
Weeki Wachee  
Florida Elks Youth Camp  
Sonja Lopez—Largo Elks Lodge

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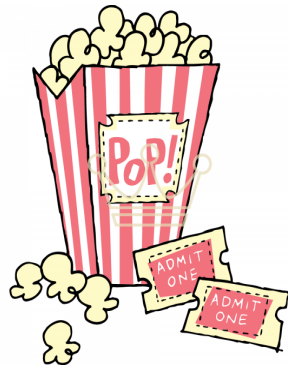
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Fisherman, Inc.)  
Outback East Bay  
Panera Bread  
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Slyce Pizza Bar  
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Woody's Waterfront/Oyster  
Shucker  
Irish 31  
Lowery Park Zoo  
Carrabas Tyrone  
Doubletree Resort  
Starlite Cruises  
PRP Wine (Deb Russell)  
Absolute Quality Interpreting

***Thank you so much helping  
FCD! If we forgot you, let  
us know!***

## Weekend Movie Nights

Family Center on Deafness has partnered with the Seminole Studio Movie Grill to provide OPEN CAPTIONED MOVIES for the whole community. No special glasses or equipment are required to enjoy some of the newest releases. Tickets are available at the door, but reserving on line is recommended. All shows are at 5:15 p.m.



Sept. 8 "47 Meters Down: Uncaged" PG-13

Sept. 29 "Bridges" PG-13

Reserve tickets at:

[www.studiomoviegrill.com/locations/florida/seminole](http://www.studiomoviegrill.com/locations/florida/seminole)



*Many belated thanks to the team from Keller Williams Realty - Seminole for going "above and beyond" to make our offices shine on their annual Red Day, May 9th.*



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